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Department gratified by consensus of support expressed NAC meeting July 12 for US draft reply to June 4 Soviet aide-memoire. Also appreciates spirit in which specific suggestions for improvement of text were made. However, it would be feasible at this stage to reopen complicated and time-consuming drafting process only if Council consensus was to urge some point of vital policy significance.

We are confident that under given circumstances Council members will appreciate that 15-nation drafting exercise impractical. On other hand, we regard general consensus of support, and opportunity get broad lines of reaction to our draft, as valuable contribution to Allied unity.

You may draw upon above in NAC 15th, and, if you feel it to be necessary, have a prior chat with Stikker along these lines.

You may, at your discretion, further convey to Council or individually to delegations following informal reaction of Department to specific suggestions:

1. This

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1. This para US reply worded as it is in order to reflect distinction between special legal tripartite responsibility Berlin and Germany which implies unanimous agreement, as contrasted with more general responsibility NATO for this question.

2. This seems merely drafting suggestion.

4. Subject [] (POLTO 56) there is quadripartite agreement to alteration para 4 as outlined DEPTTEL 232 to Paris. No further changes contemplated. Whatever merit there is in [] suggestion, NAC plainly at odds on best language this para. As for [] suggestion, it is delicate question how expressive of willingness to negotiate the reply should be. [] would introduce new element this regard in tone of note, ~~and would also be in line with~~
~~Standardized communication~~

8. [] point is one which has been made many times before in Western declarations. From tactical viewpoint would appear to us stress this point might blunt intended thrust of note.

14. The Soviet insistence that our rights will terminate necessarily implies use of force by them to foreclose our exercise of our present rights.

32. Word QUOTE abnormal UNQUOTE has come to have a special significance in discussions Germany and Berlin. For this reason quotation marks should remain.

[] point is good one which fully developed by Western Allies in reply of December 31, 1958. See comment point 8 above.

Since drafting above, re 4, note from [] have withdrawn agreement. []

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